

retired but well-informed gentleman of New York, with little taste for party politics, yet not unvarnished of public affairs, and warmly attached to the honor and happiness of the country, sends us his retreat some remarks on recent developments, national and local, and some reflections thereon; for their disinterestedness, general truth, intelligence, and patriotic spirit, command our respect and induce us to give them to our readers. We have, however, thought proper to withhold one or two passages, in which the writer objects to certain appointments, and discusses their propriety, a freedom of personal reference which, however just in itself, it would be at variance with our duty to admit.

Not much further to the disquietude as to foreign relations, and dependency as to city reform, has been the alarm as to the state of the money market. Nor was there not much reason for alarm. The vast inflation, the creation of numerous, wholly irresponsible, swindling companies, under the title of private banks, the stringency toward those of the larger and more highly regarded institutions, have resulted in a *quasi* panic, and a sort of incipient crash; from which a large portion of the community has been led to apprehend a general bankruptcy, and a universal ruin, similar to that of 1857-8.

Opinion, however, seems to be settling down to the judgment that, though there will probably be considerable enmeshing of swindling brokers, grumbling speculators

The Plattsburgh (New York) Republican says: "The snow in the woods ten or fifteen miles west of this village must, at this present writing, be more than three feet deep; the heavy fall on Wednesday night having added a foot to it."

and chamber, sitting at length was the mother, the fire reached the door and she was obliged to rise and open it. She looked bewildered and stupefied by the gas; he sprang from the room, bewildered and seized the younger boy, who was in bed with him, carried him downstairs and laid him on the ground. The mother then hastened his steps and the father, who had been in the kitchen, followed her. With great difficulty the family were rescued from the room. The young boy was thought of but the rescue of the children occupying the mother's mind. She hurried to the stairs, but was at once overcome by the smoke and fumes, and fell on the stairs. The father, who followed her, also became dizzy and staggered. The mother, who had been following, retraced her steps. The father, in the meantime, descended a ladder and stove in the chamber window, and the children were in vain, and the three bright, intelligent boys were left in the room, the mother and father, who were both seen from then but fragments of words were heard. The mother's nearest neighbors were half a mile distant, and no time was lost in attempting to render the family. The Clarendon Hospital, which was the nearest, was occupied a feeling of assistance could be rendered the family. The Clarendon Hospital, which was the nearest, was occupied a feeling of assistance could be rendered the family. The Clarendon Hospital, which was the nearest, was occupied a feeling of assistance could be rendered the family.

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It will be observed that this invention bears some resemblance to the "Atmospheric Railway" so much talked of at one time, but that it avoids the objectionable features of that scheme, as the tube is closed throughout. We are informed that Mr. Richardson has had in success-

When he found the man was getting on very largely, and, to his surprise, was able to get up and walk about, he sitting immediately under the eye of the minister, took out his "mull," tapped it on the lid, and with the manual gravity gave a comfortable "meenin'." The minister could stand the sight no longer; he turned away, and said, "I don't like to shame upon you, sir; how dare you do that?" The doctor looked up in amazement. The preacher continued, "Don't think I am talking idly at you; if you are a Christian, as you say, either could not yet fathom what he had done to cause offense."

The minister's passion for snuff had in the interim grown so great, such an intensity that it was a case of life or death; and, as he would not permit himself to be humiliated by the doctor, he said, "You will not pollute my lips by mentioning what he did, but I will show you what it was: hand me that box." Having got the box, he opened it, and showed him the contents. The minister went through the other forms of sniff-taking, in imitation of what he observed the elder do, saying, as he went on, "That is what you did, sir; and, what is more, you (taking a puff) did it."